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NEGATIVE ELECTRODE USING THE MATERIAL, LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY  
USING THE NEGATIVE ELECTRODE, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF  
NEGATIVE ELECTRODE MATERIAL

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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